

# Measuring Glue Helicity on the Lattice - With comments on Renormalization

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# Introduction

- **Problem:** How is the spin distributed amongst its constituents?
  - Polarized DIS experiments measure quark contribution  $\sim 30\%$
- Since the EMC “proton spin crisis”, measuring the spin content of the nucleon has been one of the most important efforts in hadron physics.
- **Missing Spin?** Gluonic contributions and orbital angular momentum of quarks and glue.
  - COMPASS/STAR experiments have found gluon helicity distributions are close to zero.
  - Recent quenched calculation performed (Deka et al, chiQCD collaboration)



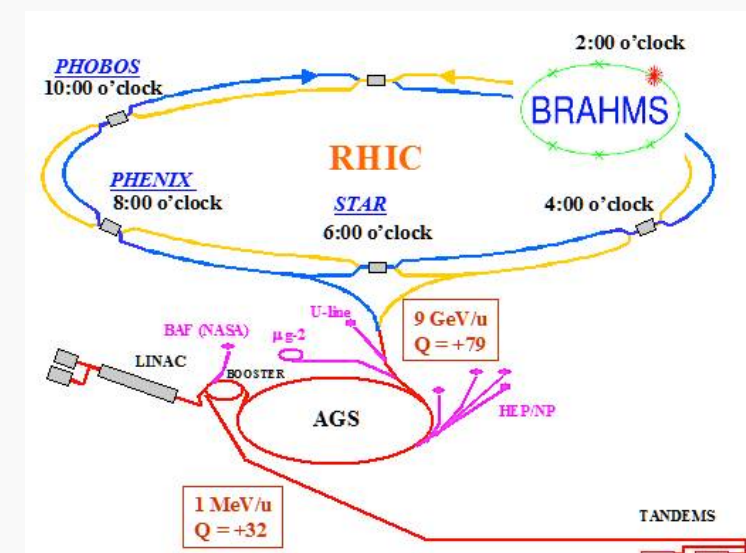
# Glue Helicity - Experiment

- Measured in a number of methods in several experimental collaborations

- Photon Gluon Fusion (HERMES, COMPASS)



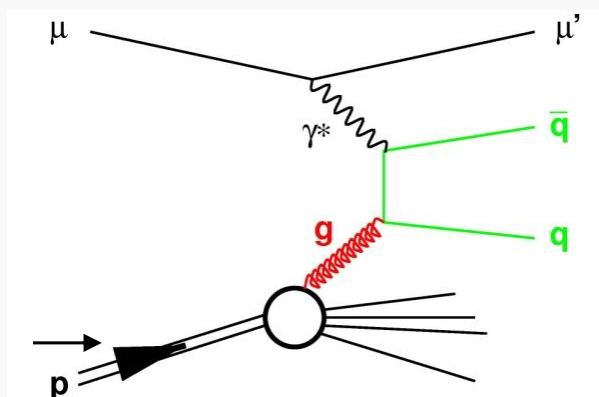
- Proton - Proton collisions (RHIC)



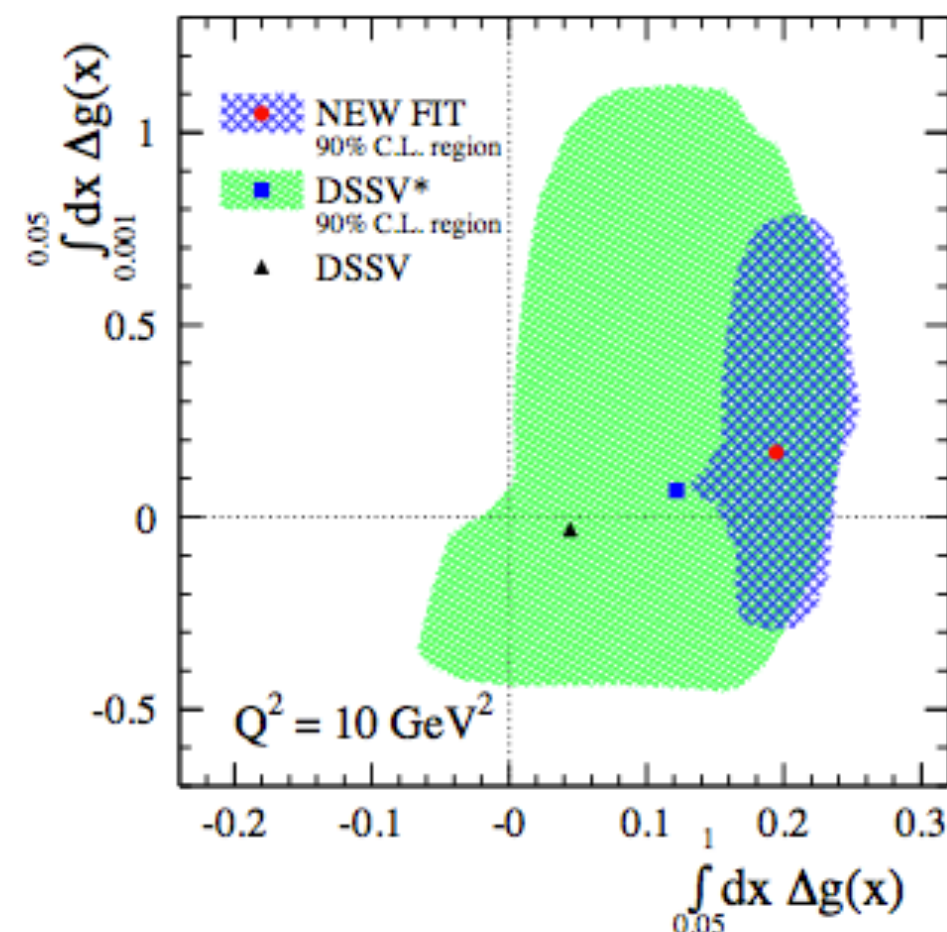
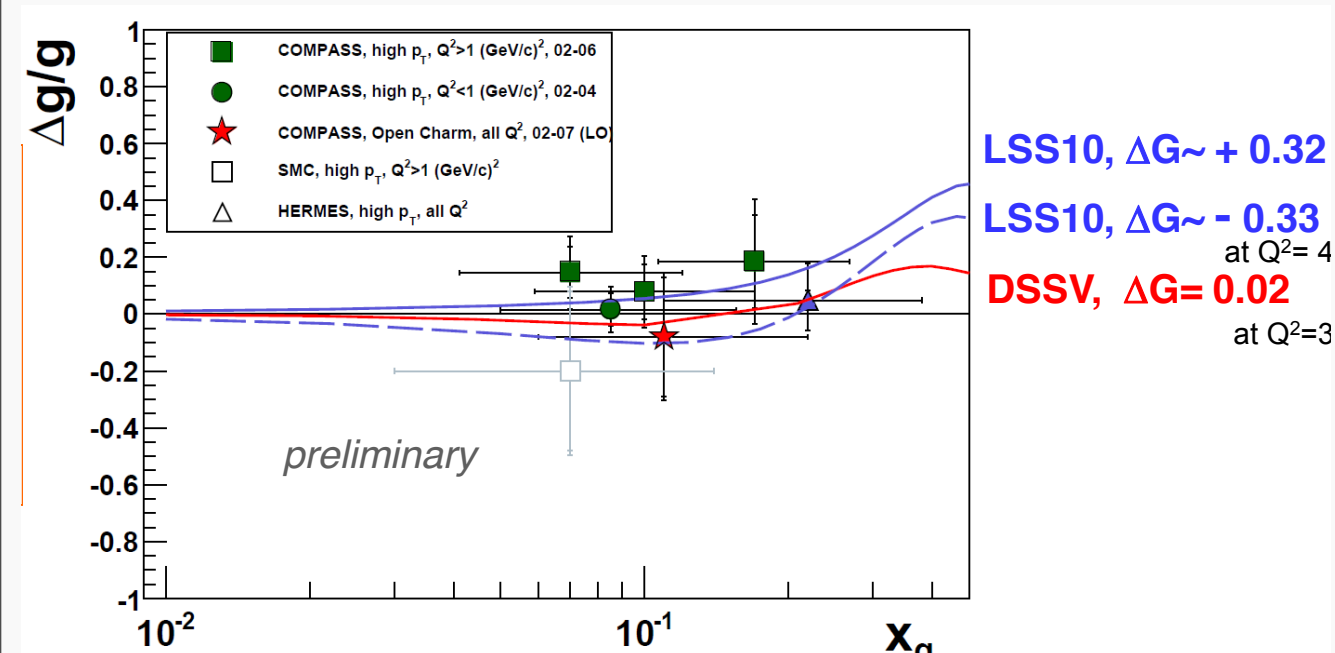
- Indirect determination from global fits

# Experimental Measurements

(HERMES, COMPASS)



(PHENIX, STAR)  
(2009)



- All data consistent with small gluon helicity. How to confront this theoretically?

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# Gluon Polarization

$$\Delta G = \int dx \frac{i}{2xP^+} \int \frac{d\xi^-}{2\pi} e^{-ixP^+\xi^-} \langle PS | F_a^{+\alpha}(\xi^-) \mathcal{L}^{ab}(\xi^-, 0) \tilde{F}_{\alpha,b}^+(0) | PS \rangle$$

$$\xi^\pm = (\xi^t \pm \xi^z)/\sqrt{2} \quad \tilde{F} \sim \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} F_{\mu\nu} \quad \mathcal{L}(\xi^-, 0) = P \exp[-ig \int_0^{\xi^-} A^+(\eta^-) d\eta^-]$$

- Difficult to evaluate on the lattice
  - Derived on the light-cone (infinite momentum frame)
  - Gauge Invariant, but what is the physical interpretation?
- Performing the integral over the longitudinal components [Ji, Zhang, Zhao, PRL 111],

$$\Delta G = \left\langle \vec{E}^a(0) \times \left( \vec{A}^a(0) - \frac{1}{\nabla_+} (\vec{\nabla} A^{+,b}) \mathcal{L}^{ba}(\xi^-) \right) \right\rangle_z$$

- Similar structure to ExA
- How does it transform under gauge transformations?





# Gauge Invariance

- In a non-abelian theory, the perpendicular and parallel components of the gauge field transform separately under a gauge transformation [X.S. Chen et al., 2008].

$$\vec{A} = \vec{A}_{\perp} + \vec{A}_{\parallel}$$

- Conventionally, motivated from EM theory, we define the perp components of  $A$  to transform gauge covariantly,

$$\vec{A}_{\perp} \rightarrow U(x) \vec{A}_{\perp} U^{\dagger}(x) \longrightarrow \partial^i A_{\perp}^i = ig [A^i, A_{\perp}^i]$$

- In the large momentum frame, we build gauge invariant operators from A-perp requiring,

$$\partial^i A_{\parallel}^{j,a} - \partial^j A_{\parallel}^{i,a} - g f^{abc} A_{\parallel}^{i,b} A_{\parallel}^{c,j} = 0$$

- A-perp and A-parallel are not Lorentz covariant vectors
- Decomposition is done in a fixed frame





- Formally solving for A-parallel using the conditions listed previously,

$$A_{\parallel}^{i,a}(\xi^-) = \frac{1}{\nabla_+} \left( (\partial^i A^{+,b}) \mathcal{L}^{ba}(\xi'^-, \xi^-) \right)_{\xi', - \rightarrow \xi}$$

- And using the fact that,

$$A_{\perp} = A - A_{\parallel}$$

- The non-local, gauge-invariant operator can be re-written (in the infinite momentum frame)

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta G &= \int dx \frac{i}{2xP^+} \int \frac{d\xi^-}{2\pi} e^{-ixP^+\xi^-} \langle PS | F_a^{+\alpha}(\xi^-) \mathcal{L}^{ab}(\xi^-, 0) \tilde{F}_{\alpha,b}^+(0) | PS \rangle \\ &\quad \downarrow \\ \Delta G &= \left\langle \vec{E}^a(0) \times \left( \vec{A}^a(0) - \frac{1}{\nabla_+} (\vec{\nabla} A^{+,b}) \mathcal{L}^{ba}(\xi^-) \right) \right\rangle_z \\ &\quad \downarrow \\ \Delta G &= \left\langle \vec{E}^a(0) \times \vec{A}_{\perp}^a \right\rangle_z \end{aligned}$$

- Where, under a gauge transformation,

$$\vec{A}_{\perp} \rightarrow U(x) \vec{A}_{\perp} U^{\dagger}(x)$$

# Comments

- The previous results rely on solving, order-by-order in the coupling, for the perp and parallel components of the gauge-field
  - Up to this point, we have not fixed the gauge
  - The Coulomb gauge satisfies both conditions (approximately)

$$\partial^i A_{\perp}^i = ig [A^i, A_{\perp}^i] \longrightarrow \partial^i A_{\perp}^i = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}_{\perp, g \rightarrow 0}^a = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \left( \vec{A}^a(0) - \frac{1}{\vec{\nabla}^2} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}^{+,a}) \right) = 0$$

- We choose,

$$\partial^i A^i = \partial^i \left( A_{\parallel}^i + A_{\perp}^i \right) = 0$$

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# Our Approach

- Strategy: Choose Coulomb-Gauge fixing condition,

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$$

(project out the transverse components of A)

- Approach the infinite momentum frame by computing

$$\langle \vec{E} \times \vec{A}_\perp \rangle$$

for increasing values of proton momentum.

- Search for a signal in Coulomb gauge before trying different gauge conditions.



# Gauge Tensor from Overlap

- We define the chromo-electric field from the overlap Dirac operator,

$$D_{\text{ov}}(x, y) = \rho \left( 1 + \hat{X}_w \frac{1}{\sqrt{\hat{X}_w^\dagger \hat{X}_w}} \right)_{x, y}$$

$$\hat{X}_w(m, n) = \frac{1}{2a} \sum_{\mu} \left( \gamma_{\mu} [\delta_{x+\mu, y} U_{\mu}(x) - \delta_{x, y+\mu} U_{\mu}^{\dagger}(y)] + r_w [2\delta_{x, y} - \delta_{x+\mu, y} U_{\mu}(x) - \delta_{x, y+\mu} U_{\mu}^{\dagger}(y)] \right) - \rho/a$$

- Where as an expansion in lattice spacing ‘a’, it has been shown [Liu, Alexandru, Horvath, PLB, 659 (2008)]

$$\text{tr}_s \sigma_{\mu\nu} D_{0,0}^{ov}(U(a)) = c^T a^2 F_{\mu\nu}(0) + \mathcal{O}(a^3),$$

$$c^T(\rho, r_w) = \rho \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{2(Mc_{\mu}c_{\nu} + r_w s_{\mu}^2 c_{\nu} + r_w s_{\nu}^2 c_{\mu})}{z^{3/2}}$$

$$c^T(\rho = 1.368, r_w = 1.0) \approx 0.1157$$



# Chromo-electric Field

- With the previous result, we define the chromo-electric field

$$E_i(x) = F_{0i}(x) = \text{tr}_s \sigma_{0i} D_{\text{ov}}(x, x)$$

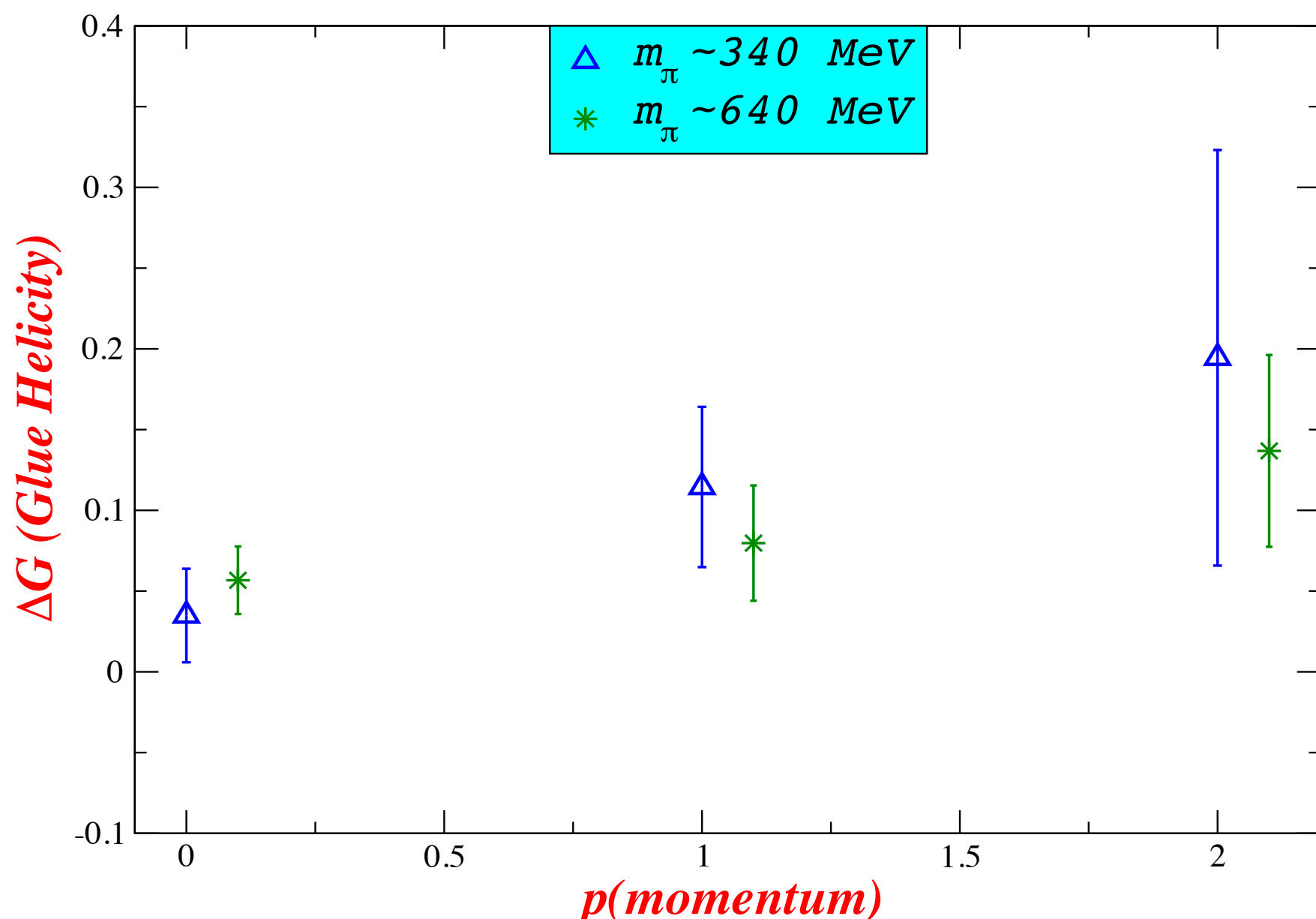
- The Fourier transform of this operator is not so trivial, and introduces an additional momentum integration. [M. Glatzmaier, 2014]
- For the Coulomb gauge-fixed gauge fields,

$$A_\mu(x) = \left( \frac{U_\mu(x) - U_\mu^\dagger}{2ia g} \right)_{\text{traceless}}$$

- Valence overlap fermion on (2+1) flavor RBC/UKQCD  
200 gauge configurations (24<sup>3</sup>×63) lattice.
- Sea quark mass  $a^*m(u,d) = 0.005$ ,  $a^*m(s) = 0.04$ ,  
 $m(\text{pion}) = 331 \text{ MeV}$
- $1/a = 1.77 \text{ GeV}$



# Very Preliminary Results



- Please see S. Sufian's talk for more details.



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# Coulomb Gauge Perturbation Theory

- The matching calculation to the  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  scheme is underway at one-loop order.
  - Coulomb Gauge QCD
  - Wilson fermion action
  - Overlap derivative used to define ExA operator
  - Including HYP smearing numerically
- For the lattice scheme, we follow the Kawai method and derive by hand the Coulomb gauge Feynman rules for both the ExA operator as well as the gluon propagator.

# Methodology (Kawai, Nakayama, Seo)

- We perform a number of momentum subtractions to evaluate the one-loop corrections to ExA on the lattice,

$$\hat{I}_{\vec{\mu}}(p) = \int_k J_{\vec{\mu}}(k) + \int_k (I_{\vec{\mu}}(k; p) - J_{\vec{\mu}}(k; p))_{a \rightarrow 0}$$

Independent of p,  
easier to compute
Dependent on p,  
computed in continuum

- Where J is the Taylor-Expanded diagram

$$J = \sum_{n=0}^N \frac{p_{\alpha_1} \cdots p_{\alpha_n}}{n!} \left\{ \frac{\partial^n}{\partial_{p_{\alpha_1}} \cdots \partial_{p_{\alpha_n}}} \mathcal{I}(a, p; k) \right\}_{p \rightarrow 0}$$

Generic Feynman Diagram

- The order is set such that the limit (I-J) can be taken safely.
  - This Taylor expansion introduces an infrared singularity.
  - Regulate this intermediate singularity in dim-reg.
  - IR divergence has to cancel in the sum J + (I-J)

# Coulomb Gauge

- The Coulomb Gauge fixing condition alters the standard expression for the gluon propagator,

$$S_g = -\frac{1}{2} \left( A_\nu \nabla_\mu^* \nabla_\mu A_\nu - A_\nu \nabla_\mu^* \nabla_\nu A_\mu \right) + S_{gf}$$

$$S_{gf} = \frac{1}{2\alpha} \left( \sum_{i=1}^3 \nabla_i^* A_i \right)$$

- The gluon propagator now contains non-covariant contributions

$$G_{\mu\nu}^{C;ab}(k) = \delta^{ab} \frac{1}{\hat{k}^2} \left( \delta_{ij} - \frac{\hat{k}_i \hat{k}_j}{\bar{k}^2} \right)$$

$$\hat{k}^2 = \sum_{\mu} \frac{4}{a^2} \sin^2 \frac{ak_{\mu}}{2},$$

$$\bar{k}^2 = \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{4}{a^2} \sin^2 \frac{ak_i}{2}$$

- These non-covariant terms alter some of the standard results in lattice perturbation theory.



# Non-covariant Lattice Integrals

- All one-loop integrations for lattice perturbation theory can be written schematically in terms of basis integrals

$$J(k) = \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{\hat{k}_t^{2n_t} \hat{k}_x^{2n_x} \hat{k}_y^{2n_y} \hat{k}_z^{2n_z}}{D_F(k, m_F)^{n_f} D_B(k, m_b)^{n_b}}$$

$\nwarrow$   
 $\hat{k}^2 \bar{k}^2$

- Algebraic reduction relations allow us to express this (nf=0) as a sum of basis integrals of the form,

$$B(k; \vec{0}) = \int_{-\pi/a}^{\pi/a} \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{\hat{k}^2 \bar{k}^2}$$

- How to evaluate this integral with a non-covariant integrand?



- We subtract from the integral a known integral with the same divergence, which can be computed analytically

$$B(k; \vec{0}) = I(k) + \left( B(k; \vec{0}) - I(k) \right)$$

Finite difference to be  
computed numerically.

- Where the integral  $I(k)$  is evaluated as a standard covariant integral in  $d-1$  dimensions.

$$I(k; \vec{0}) = \int_{-\pi/a}^{\pi/a} \frac{d^{d-1}k}{(2\pi)^{d-1}} \frac{1}{(\vec{k}^2)^{3/2}}$$

- This integral can be written as an expansion of a Modified Bessel function, and contains an IR singularity as  $D = 3-2*\epsilon$  dimensions.
- We handle arbitrary powers of  $\vec{k}$  similarly, the subtracted integral is more complicated however.



- Case when  $n_f > 0$ , for complicated Fermion actions is non-trivial. We want to isolate the IR singular pieces in the general integral containing complicated Fermion propagator denominators,

$$J(k) = \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{\hat{k}_t^{2n_t} \hat{k}_x^{2n_x} \hat{k}_y^{2n_y} \hat{k}_z^{2n_z}}{D_F(k, m_F)^{n_f} D_B(k, m_b)^{n_b}}$$

- Split the integrand in a similar manner as before, writing,

$$\frac{1}{D_F} = \frac{1}{D_B} + \left( \frac{1}{D_F} - \frac{1}{D_B} \right)$$

Can be done  
analytically, as before.

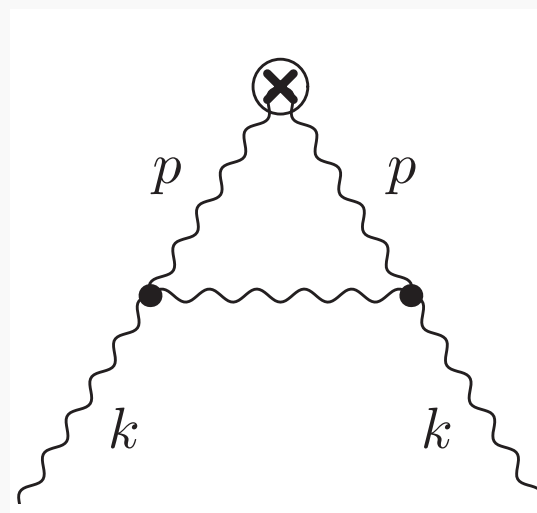
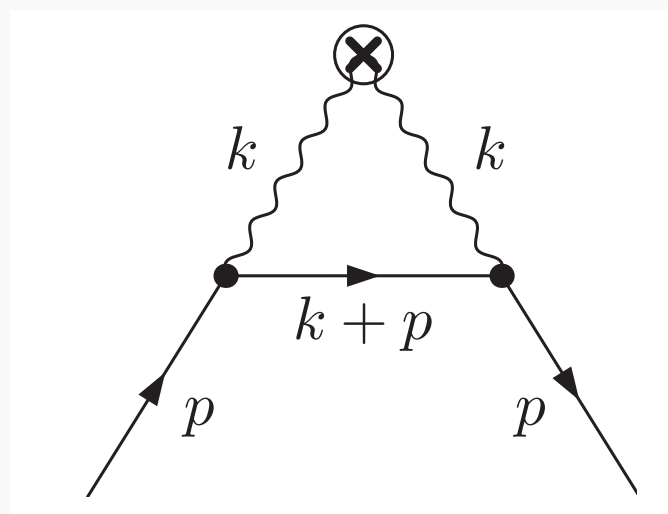
Iterate until degree of  
divergence is reduced  
(numerical piece).

- In this way we can consider overlap fermion propagators.



# Mixing Calculation

- The one-loop renormalization of ExA includes off-diagonal mixing effects,



+ WFR

- The continuum  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  (on-shell scheme) calculation has already been performed, [Ji, Zhang, Zhao, 2013]
- The lattice calculation is underway.

# Conclusions

- Preliminary results are promising, technically we must extrapolate to the infinite momentum frame. We are thinking of ways to make this analysis frame independent.
- We have started the lattice one-loop calculation for the case of Wilson fermion action with 0-HYP smearing. Overlap and HYP smearing to be computed in the future.
- Other gauge-conditions are possible and will be considered later, such as the generalized Coulomb condition referenced earlier.
- Stay tuned for future results.
- Thanks for your attention!



# Backup



# Glue Helicity

- The gluon helicity is defined from,

$$\Delta G = \int dx \Delta g(x)$$

$$\Delta g(x) = \text{[Diagram: A circular diagram representing a gluon helicity measurement. It shows a gluon (wavy line) with a red arrow indicating its helicity, and a green arrow indicating the direction of the gluon's momentum. The diagram is labeled with a minus sign, indicating a subtraction of terms.]}$$

- $\Delta G$  is the fraction of proton helicity carried by the gluons.
- Large experimental effort underway to measure this quantity.

# Theoretical Efforts

- The textbook expression for the QCD angular momentum is,

$$\vec{J} = \vec{J}_q + \vec{J}_g$$

$$\vec{J}_q = \int \bar{\psi} \frac{\vec{\Sigma}}{2} \psi + \int \bar{\psi} \vec{r} \times i \vec{D} \psi$$

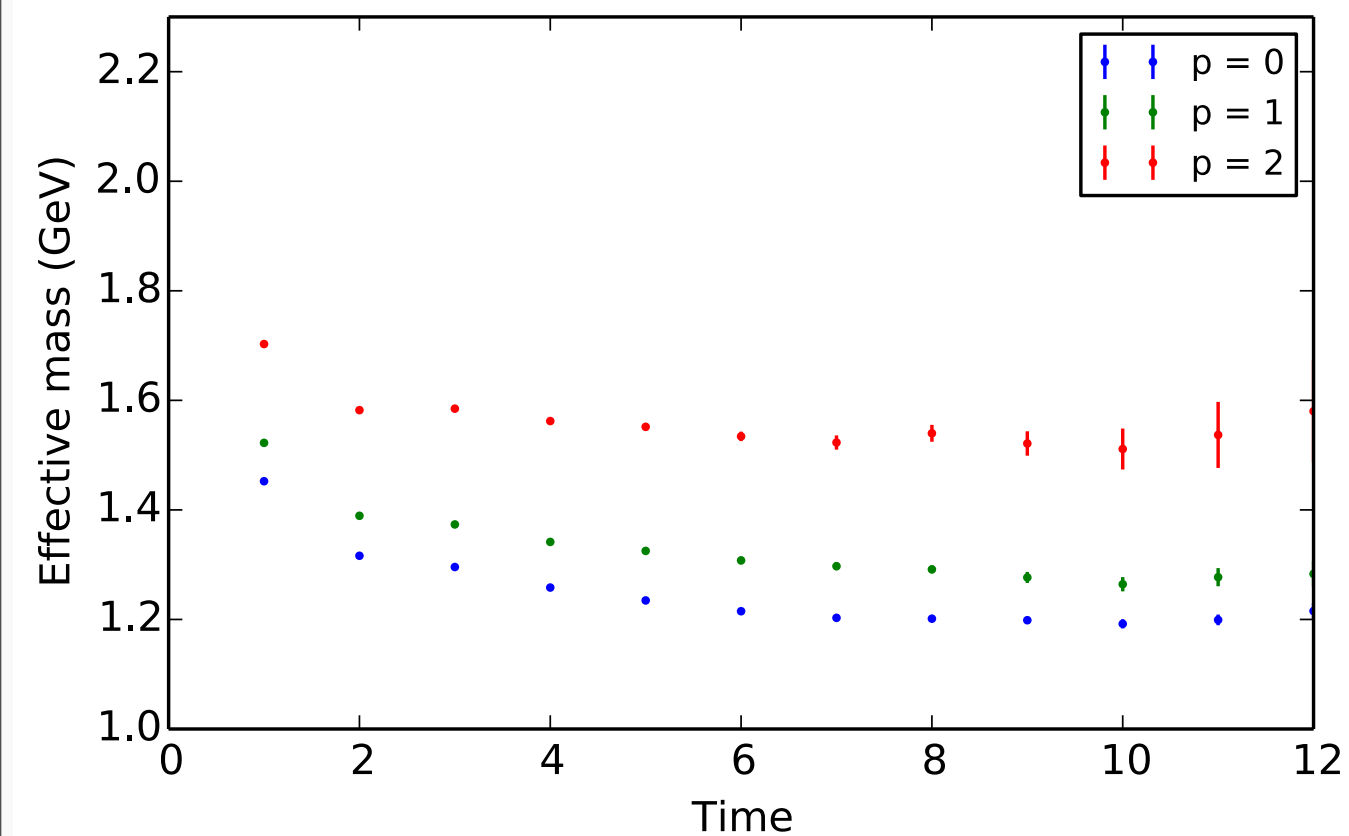
(Gauge Invariant)

$$\vec{J}_g = \int \vec{r} \times \left( \vec{E} \times \vec{B} \right)$$

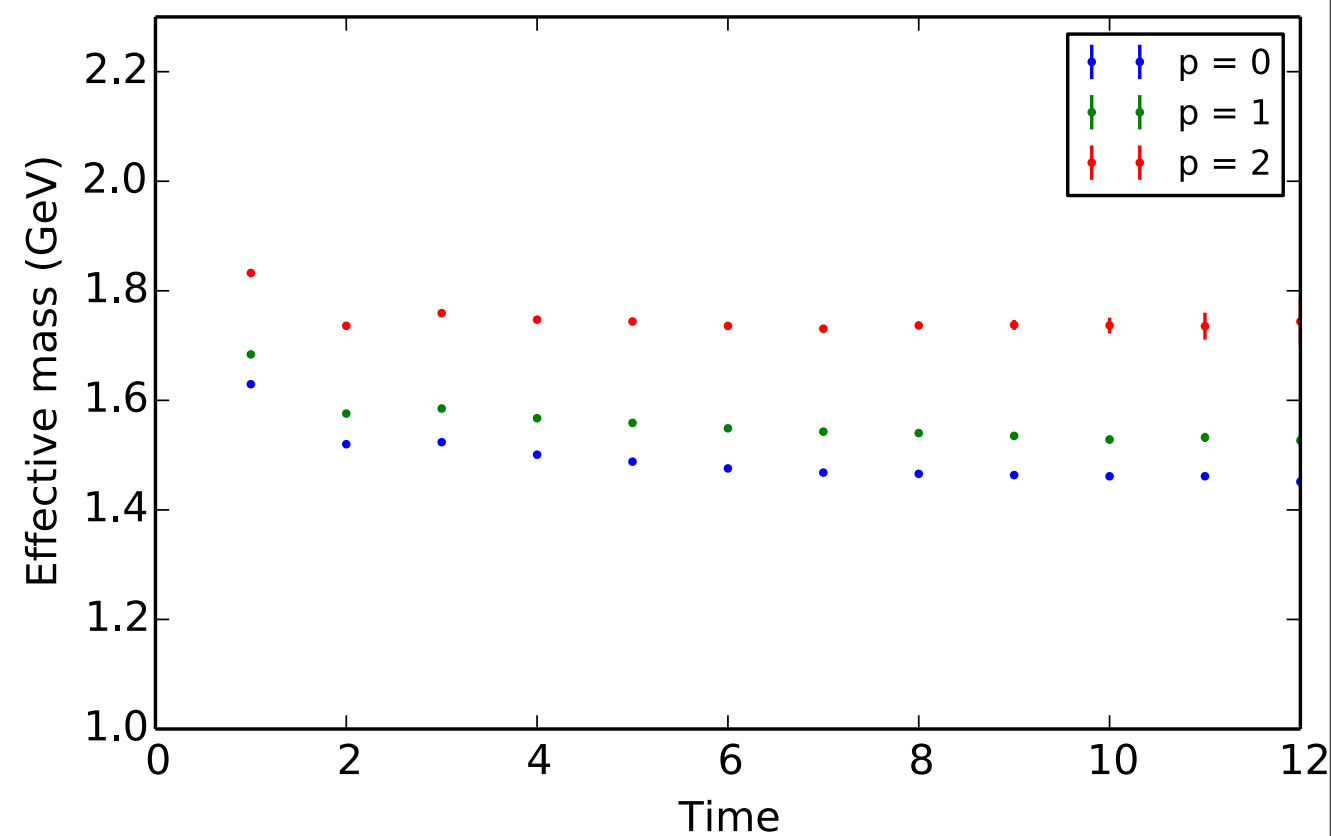
- It has become standard to evaluate parton physics on the light-cone using light-front quantization. In this formalism, the helicity operator representing glue spin is a non-local and gauge-invariant. (Manohar).

# Effective Mass

$m_p=20300$



$m_p=57600$



# 3pt Construction

- Loop data  $L_i(t_1) \equiv (\vec{E} \times \vec{A}_c)_i(t_1)$ ,  $t_1$  insertion time,  $i$ -configuration index
- 2-pt function  $C_i^2(t_2)$ ,  $t_2$  sink time
- Disconnected 3-pt function

$$C_i^3(t_2, t_1) = \left( C_i^2(t_2)(L_i(t_1)) - \langle C^2(t_2) \rangle \langle L(t_1) \rangle \right)$$

- Jackknife both  $C^2$  and  $C^3$  and use sum method [L. Maiani et al., Nucl. Phys. B293,420 (1987)]:

$$R_j(t_2, t_1) = \frac{\langle \tilde{C}_j^3(t_2, t_1) \rangle}{\langle \tilde{C}_j^2(t_2) \rangle}$$

$$S_j(t_2) = \sum_{t_1} R_j(t_2, t_1)$$